

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BRASIL 02098 162206Z

ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 OES-07 EB-08 SS-15 NSCE-00 SP-02
CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 L-03 SOE-02 SSO-00 INRE-00
USIE-00 /062 W
-----013941 162219Z /73

O 162133Z MAR 78

FM AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 6604

AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO USDOE WASHDC IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 2098

USDOE FOR BERGOLD, SIEVERING

RIO FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRE-ADVANCE TEAM

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, (CARTER, JIMMY), PGOV, BR, US, ENRG, OTRA

SUBJECT: ENERGY COOPERATION ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO BRAZIL

SUMMARY: THE CONTENTS OF A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL DURING PRESIDENT CARTER'S TRIP TO BRAZIL HAS BEEN WORKED OUT AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL WITH THE APPROPRIATE BRAZILIAN MINISTRIES, INCLUDING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION YET AT THE POLICY LEVEL IN BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT WHETHER ENERGY COOPERATION SHOULD BE AN AGENDA ITEM FOR THE PRESIDENT'S DISCUSSION. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS INCLUSION IN DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNIQUE OF LANGUAGE SUGGESTED PARA 4 BELOW. END SUMMARY

1. FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS IN MARCH 8 NSC MEMO TO SECSTATE AND SEC ENERGY, T. MORAN (S/P) AND J. VANDERRY (DOE/IA) ACCOMPANIED BY EMB SCIENCE COUNSELOR GOECKERMANN MET MARCH 13-16 WITH SENIOR BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS FROM MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINES AND ENERGY, AND COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AS WELL AS FROM PETROBRAS, ELETROBRAS, CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BRASIL 02098 162206Z

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CNPQ), AND STUDY AND PROJECTS FINANCING AGENCY (FINEP, MINISTRY OF PLANNING). IN A CONCLUDING MEETING AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, MARCELO DIDIER, DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES, INDICATED THAT BRAZILIAN PRIORITIES WOULD BE 1) COAL MINING, PROCESSING, AND CONVERSION; 2) THE TRANSFORMATION

OF SUGAR AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO ALCOHOL;
3) INDUSTRIAL AND TRANSPORTATION CONSERVATION, WITH 4)
SYSTEMS ANALYSIS TO EVALUATE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT
SCENARIOS AS A TOPIC FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE CONSULTATIONS.
DIDIER STATED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOB HAD NOT YET DECIDED
WHETHER TO INCLUDE COOPERATION IN ENERGY RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT ON THE AENDA FOR THE VISIT WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.
WHEN AND IF THAT POLITICAL DECISION WERE MADE, IT WOULD BE
COMMUNICATED IMMEDIATELY TO THE EMBASSY.

2. IF THE POLICY DECISION IS POSITIVE, THEN THE NEXT STEPS
AFTER PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT WOULD BE TECHNICAL DISCUS-
SIONS BY USG EXPERTS IN BRAZIL TO DESIGN PROGRAMS IN EACH
OF THE FIRST THREE AREAS IDENTIFIED ABOVE. ALTHOUGH SPECIFIC
FUNDING FIGURES WERE NOT DISCUSSED, US SIDE DESCRIBED STUDIES
LEADING TO MODEST JOINT PROJECTS IN ALCOHOL FERMENTATION AND
COAL CONVERSION ALONG THE LINES DESCRIBED IN INTERAGENCY
STUDY SUBMITTED TO NSC. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS THE BRAZILIANS
AGREED THAT THE PROGRAM SHOULD BE DESIGNED SO THAT BENEFITS
WOULD BE SEEN TO FLOW IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. THEY STATED
A WILLINGNESS FOR MUTUAL FUNDING.

3. TECHNICAL COOPERATION ON HIGH VOLTAGE LONG DISTANCE
ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION WAS NOT OF INTEREST TO THE BRAZILIANS.
THERE WAS LITTLE POSITIVE RESPONSE TO OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR
ASSISTANCE IN GEOLOGICAL ANALYTIC TECHNIQUES.
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 BRASIL 02098 162206Z

4. DRAFT COMMUNIQUE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT IF ENERGY
COOPERATION IS AN AGENDA ITEM (COMPOSED WITH EMBASSY) FOLLOWS:
THE TWO PRESIDENTS DISCUSSED THEIR COMMON INTEREST IN
REDUCING DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL AND REVIEWED THEIR COUNTRIES'
PROGRAMS IN ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. THEY AGREED TO
ESTABLISH A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION THAT WOULD EMPHASIZE BOTH
NATIONS' AREAS OF ADVANCED EXPERTISE AND ENSURE A TWO-WAY
FLOW OF BENEFITS; COAL MINING, PROCESSING AND CONVERSION,
THE PRODUCTION OF ALCOHOL FROM SUGAR AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS, AND INDUSTRIAL AND TRANSPORTATION ENERGY CONSERVATION.
THE USE OF SYSTEMS ANALYSIS FOR THE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVE
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT SCENARIOS WAS ALSO MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE
TOPIC FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION. THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE FOLLOWED
BY MEETINGS OF EXPERTS TO DESIGN SPECIFIC COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS,
INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT FUNDING OF R&D ACTIVITIES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE ABOVE SUGGESTED COMMUNIQUE
LANGUAGE BE INCORPORATED INTO THE DRAFT LANGUAGE BEING PREPARED
IN WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSION WIT THE GOB. THIS WILL PROVIDE
AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK AN EARLY GOB POLICY DECISION ON THE ISSUE.
JOHNSON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: RESEARCH, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT VISITS, DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978BRASIL02098
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780118-0040
Format: TEL
From: BRASILIA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780362/aaaacafm.tel
Line Count: 116
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: bc2b4bc6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 jul 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3314781
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ENERGY COOPERATION ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO BRAZIL SUMMARY: THE CONTENTS OF A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL DURING
TAGS: OVIP, PGOV, ENRG, OTRA, BR, US, (CARTER, JIMMY)
To: STATE RIO DE JANEIRO
Type: TE
vdkgvkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/bc2b4bc6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014